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**To:** The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
The Honorable Patricia Bates, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

**From:** Rex D. Frazier, President  
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**Re:** SB 1046 (Hill) Ignition Interlock Devices for DUI Offenders  
**As Amended April 13, 2016**

### **Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing-May 27, 2016**

#### **PIFC Position: Support**

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing seven of the nation's largest insurance companies (State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury and Nationwide) who collectively write a majority of the personal line auto and home insurance in California, **supports SB 1046-Ignition Interlock Devices for DUI Offenders by Senator Hill.**

Currently, there is a four county pilot program, (Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare counties), that makes installing Ignition Interlocking Devices (IID) optional for persons who are convicted of a DUI.

SB 1046 would require installing and maintaining IIDs on all vehicles of persons who are convicted of a DUI in California.

Over the past 30 years, more than 50,000 people have died in California due to drunk drivers. More than 20,000 are injured from drunk drivers each year and 1,000 people die. Repeat offenders account for 1/3 of the annual DUI convictions. In the 25 states that have laws that require IIDs, repeat DUI offenders are down by 67 percent due to the installation of IIDs.

SB 1046 also allows for financial assistance for low income offenders and would allow judges to take into consideration those who participate early on in the program and lower fines, and would allow offenders to drive soon after arrested so they do not miss work or lose their job.

PIFC and its member companies have a long-standing record of supporting sound safety measures that serve to reduce injuries and enhance public road safety.

**PIFC supports SB 1046 Ignition Interlock Devices for DUI Offenders, by Senator Hill, and urges your "aye" vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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